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Dear Joshua:

First of all, many congratulations; we are all extremely pleased to know it was given so well.

Regarding Dr. Herzenberg, I feel very embarrassed writing about him because the information I gave you could well be wrong, and I think that you should see him. I worked with him for 3 months at Pasteur Institute during the summer of 1956; he was certainly an enthusiastic and intelligent worker precisely as Eagle reports. However, many people working around him were unhappy because of a certain amount of lack of regard. How valid these fluttering complaints were is hard to say, but I would say that it was clear that there were certain kinds of people with whom he doesn't get along. When I spent a few days with him in Eagle's group, he was certainly very pleasant to be with. He is somebody with a very keen insight into the weaknesses in personalities of other individuals, and if he likes them he can be very well loved; if he dislikes them, he can be very well hated.

I hope I have given you some feeling for his personality; I can assure you that I got along very well with him, as you also probably will. He is a very hard worker and has a very broad scientific culture. Take a look at him.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Mel'.

Melvin Cohn.

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